

The Force of Destiny

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Once upon a time there was a respected and powerful village ruled by King Henry and Queen Ellis. They were fair and compassionate leaders, so the villagers admired them. Although harmony reigned inside this village, there existed a deep hatred for another powerful village because of territory feuds. Due to this ancient fight between villages, all communication between its habitants was forbidden and punished. However, this would change for King Henry and Queen Ellis' daughter, who was destiny's card to join the villages.

From birth, Conall filled the entire village with joy. As time passed, her beauty and strength increased. She inherited her mother's dark, brown, and wavy hair, as well as her brown skin and fit body. Conall's eyes were like a starry night: powerful, big, and black, just like her father's. Her entire life had been full of amusement, joy, and love, but one day, everything changed. Conall, the gorgeous gypsy, lost her smile. It was that same summer night when the King and the Queen decided that Conall needed another kind of love. That is when they started looking for a husband that could make Conall happy again.

All the young suitors of the village began to fill Conall with luxurious gifts. King Henry expected Conall to accept a particular suitor: a good-looking



young man who had gained a lot of influence in the village. Although the villagers doubted about the origin of his power, King Henry believed he was the husband his daughter deserved. However, Conall rejected all of them. Unfortunately, Conall's sadness continued. So, the King and Queen decided to ask Conall why she was so concerned. "I love you with all my heart, but there is something you need to know. Two years ago, I saw a charming young man: white complexion, grey eyes, and black hair. When I saw his eyes, I felt a ray of light throughout my body. The Full Moon was a witness of our deep love, and she promised to help us solve the struggle between our villages. Every time the Full Moon makes her appearance in the sky, Frederick and I meet at the lake that separates our village from his," Conall finally admitted.

King Henry was furious. He could not allow his daughter to mock the rules any longer. Because of this, he ordered her to live in exile. Queen Ellis tried to change his mind, but King Henry was blinded by anger. Conall had no choice but to obey her father's order. So, when the sun rose, she left the village. Before Conall left, she confessed to her mother, "My dear mother, there is a life inside of my fruit for my love for Prince Frederick. I tried to fight against my love for him, but this feeling is stronger than me." Conall started crying with her mother, "I will be fine." She continued some minutes later, "Frederick has prepared a place for us in his village, so he is waiting for me. My dear mother, the Full Moon is our friend, and she will help me to keep in touch with you. Do not forget I love you with all my heart. Tell my father I love him, too."

Conall walked through the sinister forest for one day. She wanted to see Frederick's eyes and find her hope, but fate would test their love. Conall was walking, when she saw a familiar silhouette in the shadows. It was the suitor King Henry wanted her to marry. But there was something different about him, he was not the enthusiastic good-looking man she had met. His

eyes now showed hatred and despair. Conall felt frightened by him, so she started running. His broken laugh echoed throughout the forest, causing Conall's fear to increase more and more. When Conall fell to the ground, he appeared again. "You are mine," he said, "and no one will stop you from loving me." Those were the last words Conall would hear.

That night, the Full Moon lost her powers and darkness took over the Earth. As the Full Moon did not show her light, Frederick's heart shivered. He knew Conall was in danger, so he decided to look for her in the forest. Unfortunately, the wicked suitor kidnapped him. "Some people have no purpose in life. I could kill you now and that would mean nothing, but I want you to suffer because you stole Conall's love and made everything so complicated. From now on, Conall's scorn will be your main course. Hunger and cold will only be appetizers to her disdain," the suitor said. Those were the last words Frederick heard. Then, the suitor locked Frederick in a dark and forgotten cage somewhere in the forest.

Some days later, Conall woke up. She was surrounded by a beautiful garden, so she began touching the colorful flowers as she walked through it. Suddenly, she remembered what had happened. Although she tried to run away, the garden had no end. "You cannot escape," the suitor said, "my love has no limits. I know you are pregnant, but I forgive you. That is the first proof of my love. I already did something to get rid of Frederick, so he does not impede our love. Now we can be happy together." Conall began crying. Even if he was dead, she knew she would love Frederick forever. Therefore, she decided to use her love to defeat the suitor's spells. The forces of good and evil struggled for six months. The suitor tried all kinds of evil spells, but Conall did not fall for them. Conall's love for Frederick was the strongest emotion any person could ever feel.

During that time, Frederick only wanted one thing: to destroy the suitor. This thought

remained within him for a long time, until he realized that hate cannot eradicate hate, only love can do that. Loathing was killing Frederick from the inside, so he decided to forgive the suitor. Frederick did not want to become like the suitor: a person with nothing but resentment in his heart. Frederick saw that the suitor's rancor would destroy him, so Frederick barred all negative feelings from his heart. When Frederick forgave him, he understood that Conall's love was the force that was keeping him alive. He decided to use his love to keep her alive. He lost his physical force, but his spirit and soul were stronger than ever. One dark and cold night, the Full Moon appeared again. Her rays of light were touching the land again because Conall's baby was born. His white complexion, grey eyes, and black hair gave Frederick his physical strength back. That is how he destroyed the cage and the Full Moon showed him the path to find Conall.

The next morning, Frederick found Conall in the garden. It was not the colorful place Conall saw the first time. Now, the garden was a stinking place full of dead animals and lifeless plants. Conall and the baby were trapped in a huge cage. "My beautiful gypsy, I have suffered all this time, but we are together again. Our baby gave me the force to escape, and I will defend our love. My mother, the Full Moon, received her power from her grandson, our son, and she will protect us." Conall could feel how happiness and hope invaded her body. Conall and Frederick destroyed the cage. Then, Conall and Frederick hugged their son until the suitor appeared. The suitor felt a strong pain in his heart. "You cannot be alive. I locked you. I have powers. You are nothing against me, you..." The suitor was speechless. He started running towards Frederick, but Frederick raised his hand and the suitor could not move his body. "I do not want to hurt you. I do not want to be like you. Yes, I am alive, and love is the only reason. Destiny has tested our love, and we found that love is the answer." Frederick walked and said, "you have powerful spells, but you do not have hope, faith, and love. You will learn that there is nothing you can do without

them." The suitor laughed. "NONSENSE! You might think you are better than me, but you will have to kill me if you want to be with her. If you kill me, you will be like me and your cheap words will not change that. I, on the other hand, can kill you and your love, hope, and faith will serve no purpose."

Frederick knew the suitor was right. He could not kill the suitor, so he walked backward. Conall took his place and said, "you can kill Frederick, but I will never love you. Your spells will be nothing against our love. There's only one person in this world I will love, and that person is Frederick. I promise to fight against time, space, and any battle in which fate tests our love. You can take away my freedom, my blood, my bones, but Frederick will be in my heart until the end of the world. So, kill me if you want, because even if I am dead, Frederick will be the one I love for eternity." The wicked suitor realized that his malignity and hate would do nothing. As they were the only feelings he had, he felt he had nothing, and his heart started shaking faster and faster until it stopped. His feelings destroyed him, and he only left a dark wake in the air.

Conall and Frederick hugged their son again for a long time. At night, they returned to Frederick's village guided by the Full Moon, who blessed them and promised to bring peace to the villages. The next morning, King Henry traveled to Frederick's village to ask for Conall's forgiveness. "My beautiful daughter, the Full Moon enlightened my heart, and I only hope you can forgive me for being such a bad father. I only want to be with you, Frederick, and my grandson. As proof of my remorse, I want to join the villages and protect my grandson." Conall started crying with joy. "My dear father, I have always loved you, and you receive my forgiveness. I have learned that hate kills us, and you have been a good father to me, I cannot judge you for one mistake. I want you to know that I love you with all my heart," was Conall's answer. Finally, they hugged each other with the conviction that nothing will distance them

again.

Time passed and the villages become one fruitful village full of respect, love, joyfulness, and compassion. Queen Ellis, King Henry, Conall, Frederick, and the baby lived together with the protection of the Full Moon, who becomes the Waning Moon every time she lulls her beloved grandson. Their lives are full of happiness because they know their love is as powerful as the force of destiny.